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Abstract

A method and system are provided wherein captured digital data from an application rendering digital data on a client computing device or downloaded thereto is converted into a secure (encrypted) digital format. Then, certain digital rights are applied to the digital data, such

10   as the right to play and listen to the file x number of times, for a set period of time, unlimited play rights on that computer, the right to transfer to a portable device, or other like license limitations. This technique can build on existing architectures such as a system using the Total Recorder product. Thus, in connection with storage of captured digital data, the present invention converts the file into a secure format and applies DRM rules to the file depending upon

15   the nature of the content and/or default rules for downloading or recording content. One may purchase additional rights to the digital data as well.